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NEBRASKA

The pluck of Sir Henry Johnston, the famous explorer—who has lately been elected a corresponding member of the Italian Geographical society "in recognition of his research work in Africa"—is unquestioned, but stratagem has got him out of many a tight corner. On one occasion his zebra was surrounded by a howling mob of savages, who sent an envoy asking him to surrender. Sir Henry merely told the envoy that they had smallpox in the camp, and a wretched albino was trotted out as the awful example. Five minutes later the scared tribesmen were busy putting a large stretch of Africa in time would permit themselves and danger. As Sir Henry well knew, they were more afraid of "the white disease" than they were of all the inventions of Maxim.

In his early days Herr Arthur Nikisch, the famous conductor, who has been fulfilling some important engagements, was appointed to conduct a performance of "Tannhauser" at the Leipzig opera. He was but a young chorus master at the time, and the orchestra absolutely refused to play under so youthful a conductor. They were only induced to do so when a director said that if they were of the same mind after the overture had been played they could then and there hand in their resignations. The overture was a veritable triumph for Nikisch, and with profuse bowing the orchestra offered him their congratulations.

In the making of the match it is necessary to obtain the best grade of wood. No sap wood, no knotty or cross-grained timber is utilized by the hundreds of factories in this country that are busily engaged in turning out matches. The necessity for the best timber renders it imperative that many agents be employed to search out the choicest trees and to see that none but the best wood goes to feed the match machines. For this reason a statement of the number of cubic feet of wood actually converted into matches each year would give but an inadequate idea of the number of trees consumed by the industry.

Pastime, a little paper published monthly at Port au Prince, contains this item: "It is pitiful to see the foolish way in which the city cockneys expose themselves to be crushed by the locomotive engine. They fancy that it is cowardice to get out of its way. But we are all taught quite the contrary from our boyhood." The same paper contains a biography of George Washington, of which this is the introductory paragraph: "George Washington died at his residence at Mt. Vernon, in Virginia, United States of America, December, Saturday 14th, 1799, at the age of 68 years. He was born February, Friday 22d, 1732."

The so-called "daylight saving" plan has been found to work well in the big plant of the American Bank Note company in Ottawa, according to the manager. The scheme is simply that the big printing company starts an hour or so earlier in the morning in the summer time and closes earlier in the afternoon, giving employees a chance for recreation before bedtime. The idea has struck the manufacturers of St. Paul as a good one, and 89 concerns, employing 6,000 hands, have agreed to try it.

In 1898, 4,063 trespassers lost their lives on American railroads; five years later the number was 6,000, and in 1907 the number killed was 5,612—more than 15 a day. These figures are taken from the annual reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Figures compiled by the Pennsylvania railroad alone show that 465 trespassers lost their lives on that system's lines in 1898, 781 were killed in 1904, while in 1907 the number reached 915—an average of almost three for every business day of the year.

Old friendships are destroyed by toasted cheese or Welsh rarebit. Hard salted meat has led to suicide. Unpleasant feelings of the body produce correspondent sensations in the mind, and a great scene of wretchedness is sketched out by a morsel of misguidance and indigestible food. Of such infinite consequence to happiness it is to study the body! As Sidney Smith said: "Calomel is often of more consequence than Caesar."

In an age of canal and canal projects the Grand canal, which the Chinese dug far back in the dark ages of European civilization, has not yet been rivaled in length. It is 650 miles long, and it has never ceased to be useful to the millions that live near its banks, through all its seven centuries of bearing witness to the capacity of the ancient lands of the east for great undertakings.

After five years interlaken has revived its "Alpenzug," a curious and pretty spring festival. It is the procession of the cattle, with their herdsmen, from the low-lying meadows, where they have passed the long winter, to the Alps, where they will have their summer quarters. "Alpenzug" is used here in the local Swiss sense as meaning a high mountain meadow, not a mountain peak.

Ten years ago the immigration to the Argentine republic was almost exclusively Italian and Spanish. Today there are colonies of Russians near Bahia Blanca. Ten thousand Poles are settled in Misiones and 7,000 Finns are arranging to join them. Bulgarians, Croats, Greeks and Turks from Asia Minor are coming in increasing streams.

The trade of Cuba during 1909 according to James L. Rodgers, consul-general at Havana, was: Exports, \$124,711,069, of which the United States took \$7.3 per cent. Of the exports, sugar and its products amounted to \$86,734,070, and tobacco and its manufactures, \$31,492,628. The imports into Cuba were valued at \$91,447,584, of which the United States furnished \$46,839,198, or 50.68 per cent.

Sir Hiram Maxim proposes legalizing roulette wheels in England, \$10 out of every \$500 to go to the state, which could pay the national debt in a few years.

The largest wireless station in Europe, that on the Adriatic sea at Pola, Austria-Hungary, includes a 300-foot tower built on a foundation of glass.

At 10 a. m. every day the entire Great Western railway system of England receives the exact Greenwich time.

Rubles as large as 80 karats have been made by "building up" that is, cementing one stone to another.

The import value of the foreign cotton brought into the United States in the last 20 years was \$156,252,555.

Nearly 30,000 people visited Shakespeare's home in 1909.

A 16-year-old clove tree will produce about 20 pounds annually.

SWARM OF BEES MAKES A FASHIONABLE CALL

Lincoln, Neb., July 13.—A mouse is bad enough, but how would you like to have a swarm of bees take possession of your home?

That's what happened at the home of G. A. Rogers, Sixteenth and I streets. A large swarm of bees made their way down a 40-foot chimney and then entered the parlor through a large open fire place.

Screens were removed from the windows and the doors were thrown wide open, but the queen bee was in the chimney. The swarm refused to be ousted in this manner and clung persistently to the furniture and the walls.

A bee expert was called and he advised smoking out those in the chimney. When a column of smoke arose it was followed by a mass of bees. They rested on a tree in the yard until housed and hived.

Bees mean it is very unusual for bees to swarm as late as July. The bees were of the five-ringed Italian variety.

BASEBALL STARTS A HOT WAR IN CHURCH

Nebraska City, Neb., July 13.—There is a move on foot here to establish what is to be known as the People's church, because of the action of four ministers of this city against the playing of Sunday baseball and causing the arrest of the players.

Advocates of Sunday baseball intend to ask one of the pastors, who refused to take part in the fight, to assume charge of the movement, because he is in favor of all out-of-doors sports.

The presiding elder of one of the churches involved in boasting that he will file charges against the minister who refused to take part in the prosecution, and will ask for his head at the next conference of that denomination. If this is accomplished the deposed minister will be placed in charge of the new church at a good salary and with a pledge from several leading citizens to support him and his church for years to come.

Nebraska City ministers have stirred up strife that will not down, and the proposed new church is part of the outgrowth of the fight.

LINCOLN MAN IS A SLEEPLESS WONDER

Lincoln, Neb., July 13.—Not a wink of sleep in two and one-half years is the experience of A. D. Gregg, an old resident of Lincoln. He asserts that he has slept but a few hours in the last 10 years.

Mr. Gregg is 70 years old and lives with his wife and two daughters at 18 E. He is a carpenter and still does day's work. The lack of sleep, according to Mr. Gregg, bothers him all day and all night, but for the fact that his muscles become tired like those of men who sleep.

His strange tendency for sleeplessness has been the wonder of his family and friends, and the subject of much cynical and doubting reflections on the part of physicians who have lately had the case called to their attention. However, his family asserts that he never sleeps.

"He may lie down for a few hours at night, but he never sleeps," Mrs. Gregg has declared over and over again.

Mr. Gregg attributes his strange affliction to several attacks of inflammatory rheumatism, followed by chills. The first of these attacks occurred about 30 years ago.

PROTEST AGAINST FIGHT PICTURES

Lincoln, Neb., July 13.—Protests against the exhibition of the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures continues to burden the mail of Mayor Love. Most of the petitions are from Christian and social organizations and from ministers of the city. The mayor has received several communications of the same subject from other towns. He will not act until he has a written opinion from the city attorney as to whether or not the proposed exhibition can be stopped by law.

GOVERNOR VESSEY LAYS A CORNER STONE

Pierre, S. D., July 13.—The cornerstone of the new Methodist church, which will cost about \$75,000 when completed, was laid here Sunday by Governor Vessey with appropriate ceremonies.

SHORTAGE OF HAY MAKES PRICE HIGH

Aberdeen, S. D., July 13.—Reports from men who have made a careful study of crop conditions in this section of South Dakota indicate that the hay crop will be very short, although in this respect South Dakota is better off than either North Dakota or Minnesota. The price of hay has gone up \$2 a ton in the last fortnight, from \$10 to \$12.

Oats and barley are now being cut, and are running about half an average yield. Fear was expressed earlier that the straw would be so short a header would have to be used in harvesting those crops, but in nearly every field it has been found perfectly feasible to use a binder, the straw being nearly up to the normal height. A half crop of wheat is looked for, with macaroni, or durum wheat, a little below a half crop because the heads are not filling out so well as with the common variety. Corn continues to look well, although more copious showers are needed soon for this crop.

MOTHER JUMPS IN WELL; SAVES CHILD

Aberdeen, S. D., July 13.—Mrs. John Richard, of near Ashley, N. D., rescued her child from drowning by leaping into a well into which the little 3-year-old boy had fallen and holding him above the water until the husband and father, sent for by an older child, could rescue them. The well was about 15 feet deep, and the curbing gave way as the child was playing on it, causing it to fall in.

PASTOR ACCEPTS A CALL TO NEW FIELD

Egan, S. D., July 13.—Rev. Charles R. McLaughlin, who has been pastor of the Baptist church here for the past seven years, has resigned, and today left for Verdon, Spink county, where he has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at that place. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin were very popular here, and leave behind them many friends who wish for them success in their new home.

HAIL DOES UNTOLD DAMAGE TO CROPS

Aberdeen, S. D., July 13.—A windstorm, accompanied by hail, did much damage to crops and farm buildings in the vicinity of Verdon, S. D. Several large barns were destroyed and a number of fields of grain were pounded into the ground. The loss in that vicinity is estimated at \$10,000.

NEW YORK.—Astray in the marshes of Jamaica bay, William Elbrecht, of Maspeth, L. I., set foot in a quicksand pool yesterday and was swallowed alive before his friends could reach him.

SHRIEKING WOMAN CRIED FOR MERCY IN CRIPPLED HOUSE

Such Is Theory of Scotland Yard, Which Is Scouring World for the Missing Doctor.

London, July 13.—The first story of what may have been the actual committing of the crime was told today by a neighbor of Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, in the cellar of whose home was unearthed the body believed by the police to be that of the physician's wife, who was known on the stage as Belle Elmore.

Since the discovery of the body and the disappearance of Dr. Crippen and his typist, Miss Ethel Clare Leneve, the Scotland Yard detectives have inquired diligently among those living in the vicinity of the Crippen home in Hilldrop Crescent, North London, for some information that would throw light on the domestic habits and relations of the American doctor and his actress wife.

Woman Heard Screams.

Nothing helpful was learned until today, when the proprietress of a small shop at the rear of the Crippen residence told of hearing a woman's screams and pleas for mercy arising seemingly from the cellar in which the burned and mutilated corpse was later found.

Mrs. Crippen disappeared in February last. It was four or more months ago when the screams were heard, the woman said. Her shop overlooks the little garden back of the Crippen home.

To the police the shopkeeper said: "I had often heard revolver practice in the garden. One night about four or five months ago—I cannot place the time more exactly—I was awakened by a woman's cries. It was midnight. The screams appeared to come from Dr. Crippen's house. I listened and heard a woman's voice pleading: "Don't; Oh, don't!"

Came From the Basement.

"To me it seemed that the cries were from a woman in the basement of the house occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Crippen. As nothing developed further I soon forgot the occurrence, and did not recall it until yesterday, when I learned of the tragic discovery."

The last of the Scotland Yard's official statement today that all of the books and accounts of Mrs. Crippen, who was treasurer of the guild, were found to be in perfect order, and that none of the funds of the organization were missing.

All Kinds of Rumors.

Rumors of the whereabouts of Dr. Crippen and the Leneve woman from many sources reached the Scotland Yard officials during the day, but while they were considered they received little credence. This evening Superintendent Frost made the following formal declaration:

"All clews concerning Crippen and Miss Leneve received this far have proved to be false. In my opinion Crippen either has gone to America or is hiding in the suburbs of London."

The physicians who are examining the dismembered body were unable to complete their work today, and accordingly the inquest which was to have been held tomorrow has been postponed until Monday. At that time the medical men hope to be in a position to state the cause or causes of the woman's death.

Woman's Story Important.

The police consider the story of the shop woman who told of hearing the reports from revolver practice in the Crippen garden on different occasions, and of later being aroused during the night by a woman's screams as significant when connected with the fact that a revolver was found nearby where the body was interred.

It develops that Crippen had in his possession about \$250 when he disappeared, but according to the police he took with him the greater part of the jewelry that had been his wife's. From these figures that his funds cannot hold out long. It is not likely that he will attempt to disguise of the jewels.

INCOMING LINERS ARE WATCHED BY OFFICERS

New York, July 13.—The first of the big liners on which it was thought Dr. Hawley Crippen might reach here from England passed up the bay early today, after having undergone a search of quarantine, which failed to reveal any sign of the American physician, whose wife was found murdered in his London home. The steamer was the Lusitania, which left England on Saturday. Dr. Crippen was supposed to have taken passage for this country in company with a young woman named Ethel Clare Leneve, formerly his stenographer.

The steamer St. Paul, due from Liverpool on Sunday, and all other steamers from English ports reaching here within the next few days, will be watched by the New York police. German liners which touch at an English port will be searched by the Hoboken police on their landing in that city, and no vessel or entrance to this country will be neglected in an effort to apprehend the fugitive.

On notification from the police of Trenton, N. J., a New York headquarters detective was dispatched to Trenton today to examine the body of an unidentified man who shot himself in that city yesterday in a baseball park. The man resembled Dr. Crippen in many particulars, being about the doctor's age and stature and wearing a short mustache, which appeared to have been trimmed recently. Crippen had a long mustache of dark brown when he left London.

INDICTED GRAFTER IS FREED BY COURT ORDER

Chicago, July 13.—M. H. McGovern, the contractor who was indicted on charges of grafting from the city in the "shale rock" scandal, was cleared today when Judge Barnes refused to allow his case to go to the jury. Judge Barnes had already taken the cases of Paul Redieske, former deputy commissioner of public works, and John Ericson, city engineer, who were indicted on the same charges, from the jury.

AMERICAN WOMAN SLAIN IN LONDON; HUSBAND SOUGHT

Charlton Murder at Lake Como Duplicated in Many Details, Is Belief of Police.

London, July 14.—Scotland Yard is engaged with the murder of an American woman, and today cabled the police of the United States requesting the arrest of the woman's husband, Dr. Hawley Crippen, also an American, who is believed to have sailed for New York on Saturday last.

The case is strikingly similar to that of the Charlton murder at Lake Como, Italy. Both women were actresses, who left their American homes to meet death by violence in a foreign land, and in each instance the police pursued the American husband to the shores of his native land. Porter Charlton was arrested in Hoboken, but in the absence of an extradition treaty between the United States and Italy specifically providing for the return to either country of a citizen of the other country, who has committed a crime abroad, may go free.

In the present case, no such complications are probable, as the British-American extradition treaty leaves no loophole of which a suspected criminal may take advantage. The London police have made a definite charge against Dr. Crippen, and propose to get him with the co-operation of the American authorities.

Mrs. Crippen Vanishes.

Dr. Crippen, who is a dentist and 50 years old, has made his home for some time at 39 Hilldrop Crescent, North London. Some time ago his wife, Belle Elmore, a vaudeville actress and treasurer of the Music Hall Artists' guild, disappeared, and subsequently notice of her death appeared in the local papers. The fact of her death was generally credited, but there was more or less gossip, and this finally reached the ears of the police. The latter visited Dr. Crippen and the interview appeared to be satisfactory.

Saturday noon last Dr. Crippen disappeared, and since then the police have not been able to locate him. Yesterday a search of the Crippen house was made, and the battered body of a woman was found buried in the cellar. It had been placed in quicklime, and was burned beyond recognition, but the finding of the body together with the alibis of Peter Crippen and Franckel Crippen, the police believe he sailed on Saturday for the United States.

Leaves With a Woman. They state that he is accompanied by Ethel Clare Leneve, a French woman whom he had recently introduced as his wife. This woman is believed to be dressed in male attire. Before leaving Hilldrop Crescent, Crippen sent out for a box suit, and this, the police surmise is now being worn by his companion.

The indications point to a coolly planned murder. Early in February last a letter signed "Belle Elmore," was received by the vaudeville artists' guild stating that the writer had gone to America on business. It was this letter which the police say was intended to cover up a crime that, as it turned out, furnished an evidence of criminality. Belle Elmore spelled her name with one "l." The letter was recognized and aroused suspicion among members of the guild, and largely influenced them in determining to bring the matter of the woman's strange disappearance to the attention of the authorities.

Then the advertisement appeared announcing that Belle Elmore had died in Los Angeles, Cal. An investigation was begun and the advertisement was found to have been untrue.

Crippen Admitted a Lie.

It was learned today that when the officers visited Crippen they forced him to admit his wife had not died in California. He then said, according to the detectives, that he and his wife quarreled, and that following the quarrel she disappeared. The police refused to accept this explanation, because of the fact that the woman was found to have left her jewelry and money behind.

Pursuing their inquiry the police discovered that Dr. Crippen was born at Coldwater, Mich. He was educated in Indiana and in Los Angeles, and completed his studies in Michigan, Cleveland and New York city. He practiced in Detroit, San Diego, Cal., Salt Lake City, St. Louis and Brooklyn as an eye and ear specialist. At one time he managed a patent medicine business at Philadelphia and in Toronto, Canada.

He married Belle Elmore, as she was known on the stage in New York. The woman's maiden name was Mackamotski. The two came to London four years ago. Mrs. Crippen is described by acquaintances as about 35 years of age.

The steamer Lusitania sailed from Liverpool on Saturday and from Queenstown on Sunday. She is due at New York some time tonight. The doctor also called from Liverpool Saturday and the St. Paul sailed on the same day from Southampton, and the Minnetonka from London.

Appears With Other Women.

Recently Dr. Crippen appeared in public with Miss Leneve who, according to the police, was introduced by the doctor as Mrs. Crippen.

Neighbors of the Crippens speak of them as quiet folks, who appeared to be in prosperous circumstances. They occupied a well furnished and well maintained semi-detached house of 12 rooms. They did not mingle with their immediate neighbors, but from the number of callers at their home it was judged they had many friends.

DEPUTY SHERIFF IS ACCUSED OF MURDER

Pennsylvania Officer Jailed on Charge of Killing Striking Miner.

Greensburg, Pa., July 13.—John Snelling, a deputy sheriff, 30 years old, was arrested today when found hiding in the woods near the Claridge mines, where, it is said, he shot and killed John Cutler, a striking miner, late last night.

The arrest was made by eight state troopers sent to search for the missing deputy, following the discovery of Cutler's body by the roadside with four bullet wounds. It was claimed by the miners that Cutler had been shot from ambush, but Snelling declares that he shot in self defense.

He says he met half a dozen strikers on the road last night, and that one threw a stone at him. Cutler, who was one of the miners, advanced with his hand on his pocket, as though to pull a revolver, says Snelling, when the deputy fired. The other strikers fled, he says, after a number of shots, none of which took effect.

JAIL FOR BARGAIN COUNTER GRAFTER

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 13.—A. V. Simon, one of the former councilmen rounded up in the vigorous prosecution of grafters last spring, was sentenced by Judge James R. MacFarlane, in criminal court today to serve eight months in jail—four months on each of two convictions for accepting bribes for his votes, and to pay a fine of \$200 and costs.

Simon received \$225 for his vote on the bank depository ordinance and was one of those to whom was paid the bargain rate of \$81.10 for his vote on the street ordinance. An appeal to the superior court was granted on a writ of supercoena, and Simon was allowed to renew his bond pending the appeal.

M. L. Swift, Jr., former councilman, also was called to hear his sentence, but on request of his counsel postponement was granted until Saturday.

OREGON METROPOLIS HAS DAMAGING FIRE

Portland Suffers Large Loss in Blaze Which Destroys Much Property.

Portland, Ore., July 13.—An early morning fire in the west central portion of the city, just on the edge of the business section, resulted in the loss of at least two lives, the injury of several persons, the burning of 150 houses and a financial loss of about \$300,000. The fire is believed to have started in the salesroom of the Oregon Brush company.

The burned district covered approximately 10 acres, but a large portion of this area was devoted to the athletic field of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club and save for a grandstand capable of seating 5,000 people, was practically unimproved.

Multnomah, in addition to being the site of some of the most important athletic contests on the Pacific coast, has in late years been the scene of notable receptions to men high in the councils of the nation, notably President Taft and W. J. Bryan.

YOUTH MAKES STRANGE CONFESSION OF GUILT

Chicago, July 13.—John Rush, 20 years old, at the Woodlawn police station yesterday made one of the most unusual confessions in the history of the local police department when he smilingly related how he had turned his sister's fiancé and his own friend over to holdup men to be robbed.

The boy told, with as little concern as though discussing the weather, the story of a plot that might have cost the life of its intended victim, Elmer Cooper, but that it went wrong and resulted in the killing of the plotter, Ray Mahony. Cooper shot Mahony early Monday morning just after saying good night to Catherine Rush at her home. Rush's unexpected confession removed the last element of mystery from the killing of Mahony. Veteran policemen who heard his story said they could not understand the mild mannered youth who had bid a friendly good-bye to his future brother-in-law, then hurried from the house to plot with crooks who he knew might kill Cooper in carrying out their purpose.

YOUNG KNOX IS TAKEN BACK BY HIS FAMILY

His Bride, Daughter of a Night Watchman, Welcomed to Hubby's Home.

Providence, R. I., July 13.—Phyllander C. Knox, Jr., and his 18-year-old bride, a former department store girl, have gone to live in his father's home near Philadelphia. The parental forgiveness which was withheld following his elopement and marriage to Miss May Bowler finally has been granted, owing to the intervention of his mother and brothers.

Young Knox has resigned his position as selling agent for an automobile company. His mother-in-law, a night watchman's wife, is said to have assured him her cottage always would be open to him.

CHICAGO.—Abner Smith, former judge of the circuit court in Chicago, and organizer of the Bank of America, of which he was convicted of wrecking, arrived at his home yesterday from the Joliet penitentiary on parole.

STRIKEBREAKERS ARE STONED BY RIOTERS

New York, July 13.—The arrival today of a steam lighter bearing 200 laborers at the piers of the American Sugar company refinery in Williamsburg, where a strike is in progress, was the signal for a riot. A crowd of 100 or more men who had learned of the boat's arrival charged toward the pier. Reserve police intervened, and the men began hurling bricks and stones, the policemen used their clubs and dispersed the mob.

PIRATES SUBDUED BY PORTUGUESE CANNON

Many Chinese Outlaws Are Slain During Fierce Fire on Island.

Hong Kong, July 13.—The guns of the Portuguese gunboat Patria today dislodged the Chinese from the fort on Colowian island. Many of the Chinese were killed during the bombardment.

Two junks loaded with Chinese, who were attempting to escape, were sunk, and all of their occupants drowned. The gunboats stationed watched the preparations.

Trouble between the Portuguese and the Chinese on Colowian island grew out of an attempt of a force of Portuguese soldiers to rescue several Chinese who were held captive by pirates on the island. The pirates showed fight, and were reinforced by natives from the Chinese villages of the interior. The resistance was so effective that the governor of Macao sent a gunboat to bombard the pirate villages and fort.

DYNAMITE IS PLACED UNDER A BIG TRESTLE

Declaration of Open Shop Believed to Be Responsible for Outrage.

New York, July 13.—Dynamite blown under the new trestle being built by the Lehigh Valley Railroad company along the Bly shore of Jersey City exploded early today, badly damaging the steel structure and smashing windows for half a mile around in the Greenville section.

As the result of the first explosion, two 60-foot iron girders were wrenched from their position, one of them being driven through a steel car on the New Jersey Central siding near the trestle.

For 40 feet on either side of the point of the detonation the cement foundations of the structure were shattered. A second explosion three-quarters of an hour later tossed up two more girders, and caused an even greater amount of concrete foundation. The company constructing the trestle has recently declared an open shop.

IOWA GIRL MAY MARRY MILLIONS

Davenport, Ia., July 13.—Beatrice Bruner Godfrey, "the golden haired girl of Iowa," is to become the bride of Jay Gould, son of George J. Gould, according to an announcement made here by her mother, Mrs. A. Bruner.

Hardly a year and a half has elapsed since the Davenport girl's first romance came to an end in a secret session of court in Judge Fessenden's chambers in Boston, where, in a darkened room, with reporters and others excluded, the judge gave her a divorce from Arthur W. Godfrey, son of Lester N. Godfrey, a Back Bay millionaire, and known as the "lumber king of Boston."

"Miss Von Bruner, as she now styles herself, is in London and her mother says she is playing with a musical comedy show. Mrs. Bruner says Mr. Gould is in London also."

Jay Gould is one of the best known young men in America. He has been prominent for years as a tennis player and aviator. He won the tennis championship in England.

THREE TRAINMEN ARE KILLED IN A WRECK

Engine Strikes Freight Car and Whole Load of Passengers is Shaken Up.

New York, July 13.—Three trainmen were killed and a trainload of passengers were badly shaken up when north bound train No. 59 on the New York Central, known as the Chamblers and Western express, was wrecked near Newton Hook, nine miles north of Hudson, early today. The railroad offices here report that all passengers were able to continue their journey.

The Twentieth Century Limited, on which Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion fighter, and James J. Corbett were coming to this city, was delayed an hour by the smashup.

The engineer, Tyndall, was caught under his engine and was fatally crushed, dying shortly afterward. The other trainmen were instantly killed.

A report received by the public service commission states that the wreck was caused by the engine striking a door of a freight car that had fallen on the track.

SHERCLIFFE'S WIFE GIVES UP CHILDREN

Sheds Tears as She Surrenders Convict Husband's Little Ones.

Des Moines, July 13.—Mrs. Sherman Morris, wife of Frank Shercliffe, the notorious convict now doing a life sentence at Canon City, Colo., for murder, today surrendered her two children and they were sent to the "Orphan" home at Davenport.

Mrs. Morris cried as she relinquished the youngsters, a girl, Ella, aged 8 years, and Albert, aged 4, because she said she is unable to support them.

PAUPER ENUMERATOR MISSED POPULATION

Aberdeen, S. D., July 13.—W. B. Scott, a county charge, was appointed census enumerator for Aberdeen and Mercer townships, in Brown county. Scott undertook to do the work on foot, and the township assessors, in making their rounds soon afterward, found he had missed about 50 per cent of the people of the two townships. The matter was taken up with D. D. White, state census supervisor, and he has announced a new enumeration will be made as soon as a man can be found to do the work properly.